ABSTRACT

A method and system is disclosed for maintaining a communications protocol session between a client and server during times of inactivity at the client caused by other processing in the data path following a request by the client. For various client processes that may expire after

5 a specified amount of inactivity during a particular session, an agent of the client in the data path can send a response containing illusory content to the client that causes the client to maintain the current session. The process at the client can ignore this illusory content response but, by processing it, the communications path session between the client and server can be maintained.